Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph [0024], as follows:

-- FIG. 2. Alignment of putative ARF GAP domain from the NEVERSHED amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:22) with ARF GAP domains from rat ARFGAP1 (SEQ ID NO:23), yeast GCS1 (SEQ ID NO:24), fly CG8243 (SEQ ID NO:25) and worm W09D10.1 (SEQ ID NO:26). Identical amino acids for all sequences are indicated below the alignment. C to Y substitution caused by nev-1 mutation is indicated. --